

2018 LOS GATOS-MONTE SERENO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING



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Message from the Chief:

I am pleased to present the 2018 Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department Annual Report. Our intent is to provide a brief overview of the many ways that the men and women of this organization work with one another, Town staff, and our community partners to provide the highest level of public safety and customer service. Coincidentally, the report is also reflective of my first year as the Chief of Police, although truth be told, the many qualities that make this a top-notch law enforcement agency were in place long before I took my Oath of Office. These qualities include a deep commitment to the communities of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno, a resolute dedication to professionalism and a steadfast adherence to the concept of procedural justice and the best practices of 21st Century policing.

I wish to express my gratitude to all Department members who have welcomed me with grace and enthusiasm, but especially to Captain Mike D'Antonio and Captain Clint Tada who as the Interim Chief and Interim Captain, kept the organization pointed true north during the leadership transition period. They have also played a critical role in assisting me to acclimate to my new position by virtue of their situational awareness and longstanding relationships throughout Town government and the community.

I hope you will find this report to be informative and more importantly, a catalyst to seek opportunities to interact with us to keep our neighborhoods safe. Our Department personnel are fully committed to their mission of public safety, but in truth, safety is a shared responsibility. To the extent that you as a member of this community can participate in such programs as Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Los Gatos On Watch, only strengthens our ability to interdict crime, address quality of life issues and respond to major emergencies.

Thank you for taking the time to review the Annual Report. Please feel free to offer input or suggestions to make this document more useful or informative by reaching out to us at police@losgatosca.gov.

Respectfully,

Peter Decena
Chief of Police



THE DEPARTMENT

30,724

LOS GATOS
POPULATION

34,302

TOTAL
POPULATION

3,578

MONTE SERENO
POPULATION

Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department at a glance...

OUR MISSION

- Building a highly competent professional police department providing traditional law enforcement services
- Building community relationships
- Engaging in community problem solving

SWORN

39

CIVILIAN

20

VOLUNTEER

206



THE DEPARTMENT



Welcome Chief Decena!

In April of 2018, the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department welcomed Peter Decena as Chief of Police. He currently oversees 39 sworn officers and 20 civilian employees providing police services to the Town of Los Gatos and contractually to the City of Monte Sereno

...building a highly competent and professional police department



The Police Department maintained an ongoing commitment to recruit and hire qualified candidates for staff vacancies. This fiscal year, three new officers and two professional staff members were hired to fill existing vacancies



K9 Kaz received his certifications and was officially in-service beginning in 2018.



Chief Decena swearing in our newly promoted Captain, Sergeant, and Corporal

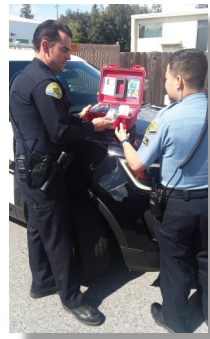
THE DEPARTMENT

Training

The Police Department continues to embrace the importance of providing enhanced training to all sworn personnel and dispatchers in dealing with community members in mental health crisis. In FY 2018/19, four officers attended the 40-hour **Crisis Intervention Training** course. Currently, over 90% of sworn personnel and 100% of dispatchers have received enhanced Crisis Intervention Training.



In response to the burgeoning opioid epidemic, the Police Department joined a county-wide effort in collaboration with the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services to distribute **Naloxone kits** to police officers. Each patrol vehicle is now equipped with Naloxone kits in addition to the AED device and other first aid equipment.



RUN → HIDE → DEFEND



The School Resource Officer (SRO) and members of the tactical team, certified as Active Shooter Instructors provided **“Run, Hide, Defend”** training for faculty and staff within both the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District and the Los Gatos Union School District. In addition, staff met with a variety of businesses, public facilities and faith-based organizations to assist with developing or revising emergency action plans.

THE DEPARTMENT

Lifesaving Award

For decisive action under demanding circumstances that led to the saving of a human life on June 4 and July 29, 2018. Their courage, initiative and teamwork is a credit to our Department and to the Community we serve.



Awards

CIT Officer of the Year Award and Parking Control Officers being honored in 2018 at a Town Council meeting.



Inner Perspectives Leadership

Between January 2018 and May 2018, several officers attended the Inner Perspectives Leadership for Police Officers program. This principled leadership program provides officers with the skills to improve their leadership and career growth.



Dispatcher and Volunteer of the year

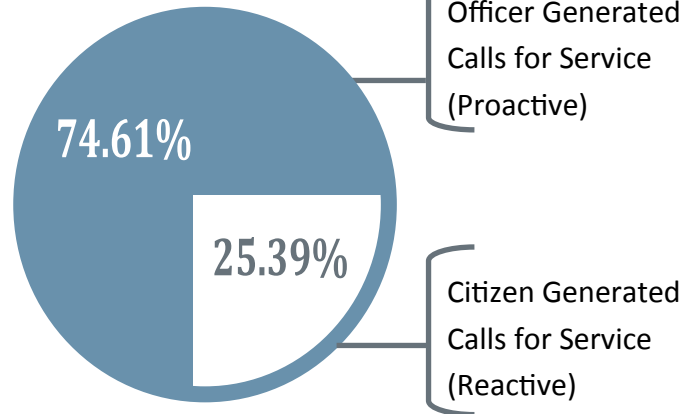
Congratulations to our Santa Clara County Dispatcher of the Year and our LGMSPD Volunteer of the Year for their hard work and dedication.



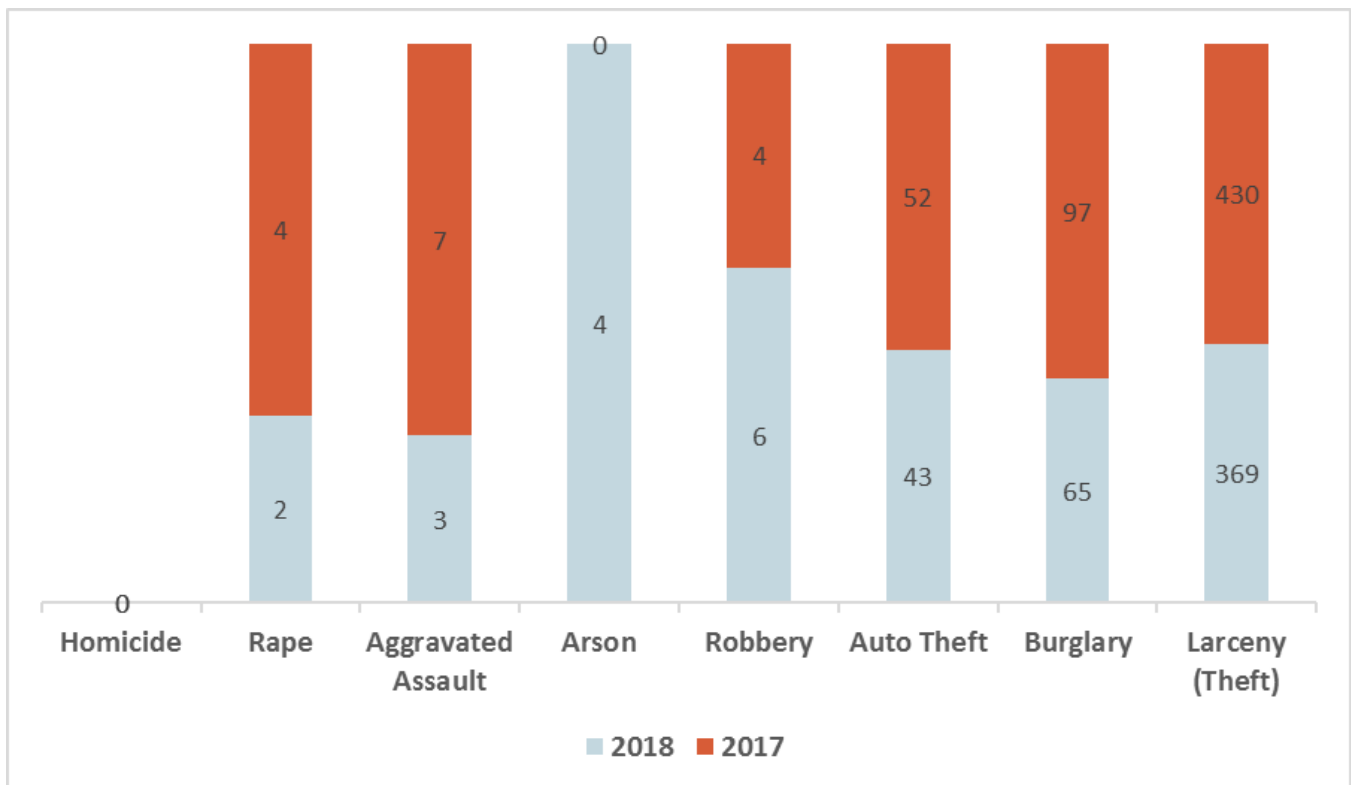
THE STATISTICS

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

35,524



PART I CRIMES (January 2018—December 2018) are defined as offenses that are more serious by nature and/or volume. They are serious, occur with regularity in all areas, and are likely to be reported to the police as defined by the FBI. Part I crimes are Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny (theft), Stolen Vehicles, and Arson.



THE STATISTICS

1,939 HAZARDOUS
CITATIONS ISSUED

22%

CELL PHONE/
DISTRACTION

40%

UNSAFE
SPEED

6%

FAIL TO
OBEY SIGN

...providing traditional law enforcement services



DID YOU KNOW?

In a continued effort to reduce thefts from vehicles, the Department is taking proactive steps in promoting crime prevention education and awareness at Neighborhood Watch meetings and through signage located in the municipal parking lots. The Department encourages the community to reduce their vulnerability to theft when vehicles are left unattended by locking vehicle's and removing valuables.

THE COMMUNITY

Safe Routes to School



In FY 2018/19 the Police Department continued to collaborate with the Safe Routes to School Partnership, Traffic Safe Communities Network, and Parks and Public Works in promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety programs. These programs consisted of increased education, enforcement, and encouragement around the schools. In addition, the Police Department participated in Bicycle Rodeos where officers collaborated with Safe Routes Committee liaisons to provide educational training to students on bicycle and pedestrian safety.



Coffee with a Cop

The Police Department hosted three “Coffee with a Cop” events to allow the community to interact with Department members in a relaxed and casual environment over a cup of coffee. Various merchants and organizations throughout the Town generously hosted the event, which provided the opportunity for open communication, community engagement and one-on-one fielding of questions regarding neighborhood concerns.



THE COMMUNITY

During FY 2018/19, Department staff focused on re-organizing and expanding the **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)** as part of the Town's overall efforts to bolster emergency preparedness levels. In partnership with the CERT leaders, goals and objectives for the 2019 calendar year were created to address training opportunities, membership recruitment and equipment upgrades. This year, updated radio equipment was purchased for the Neighborhood Incident Command Post's (NICP) and the Town's Emergency Operations Center.



The School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) took a collaborative approach to the problem of **"VAPING"** (electronic cigarettes) in the schools. The first step was providing education to school faculty and staff on the recognition of vaping, which can be subtle enough to occur in the classroom. The S.R.O. partnered with the Los Gatos High School administration and the Los Gatos Home and School Club, to develop a vaping educational diversion program for first-time offenders and their parents.

HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICERS

dedicated numerous hours to identifying, assessing and interacting with homeless individuals in Town. The primary focus is to ensure that the homeless population had access to local and county-wide services, adhered to appropriate ordinances and their encampments did not pose a threat to the environment.

...engaging in community problem solving



In the ongoing effort to enhance the Police Department's strategic deployment model, two Specialized Electric Pedal-Assist bicycles were introduced in FY 2018/19. These new bicycles enhanced the overall effectiveness of the **PATROL BICYCLE TEAM** and specifically provided officers with ease of access during special events and periods of congested traffic conditions in the downtown Los Gatos area.

THE COMMUNITY

TORCH RUN 2018



KAZ MEETS THE COMMUNITY



ST. BALDRICKS FUNDRAISER



HALLOWEEN



...building community relationships

HOLIDAY PARADE



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